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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME AND COLOR FILTER SUBSTRATE

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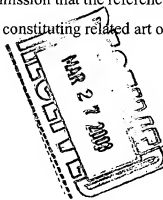
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents cited in the Japanese Office Action and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. Further, English language abstracts are attached to the references.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. No independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made, the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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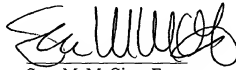
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I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was the first citation of that item by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, which occurred not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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	2000-305089	11/02/2000	Japan			ABS	
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	11-344700	12/14/1999	Japan			ABS	
	06-202140	07/22/1994	Japan			ABS	
	60-182414	09/18/1985	Japan				

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Record (See the Reference Citation List to obtain the citation)

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 13-16
 Citations: Any of Citation 1-3.
 Claims 2, 4, 6 and 8
 Citations 1-4
 Claims 9-12
 Citations 1-5

Remarks:

In addition to the fact that, since there is no definition relating to the "columnar concentration of a columnar spacer" such as that described in Reason 1, there is no recognizable clear difference between the invention of the present application and the invention recorded in Citations 1-3. Hence, the invention of the present application could be easily conceived by one skilled in Art from the inventions recorded in Citations 1-3.

Claims 2, 4, 6 and 8

A gate line inversion drive format and a dot inversion drive format is a drive method of a general (ref. Citation 4) liquid crystal display element.

Claims 9-12

The invention relating to Claims 9-12 would be easy to one skilled in the Art by applying construction (for example, Citation 4) in which a columnar spacer is arranged on the TFT gate electrode of the TFT substrate to Citations 1-3.

Reference Citation List

Citation 1:
Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication 2000-305089

Citation 2:
Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication Hei 5-19267

Citation 3:
Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication Hei 11-344700

Citation 4:
Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication Hei 6-202140

Citation 5:
Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication Sho 60-182414

Record of the Examination Results relating to Documents of
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Documents of the Prior Art

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The record of the examination results relating to documents
of the prior art does not constitute the grounds for
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